

## Command Group

Colonel Finley R. Hamilton, *Commander* ..... Richmond, KY  
Lieutenant Colonel Beth T. M. Steele, *Deputy Commander* ..... Ames, IA  
First Lieutenant Daniel F. Toven, *Associate Conductor* ..... Pittsburgh, PA  
Sergeant Major David W. Keller, *Band Sergeant Major* ..... Bergen, NY

Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird, *Director* ..... Arcade, NY

### Saxophones/Woodwinds

Sergeant Major Darryl Brenzel\* ..... Germantown, NY  
Sergeant Major Eugene Thorne, *NCOIC\** ..... Vero Beach, FL  
Sergeant Major Pat Dillon, *Assistant Director\*\** ..... Ashwaubenon, WI  
Sergeant First Class Andrew Layton ..... Kent, WA  
Staff Sergeant Pat Shook ..... Spokane, WA

### Trumpets

Master Sergeant Kevin Watt\*\* ..... Grand Rapids, MI  
Sergeant First Class Paul Armstrong ..... Fairfield, CA  
Sergeant First Class Michael Johnston ..... Denver, CO  
Sergeant First Class Paul Stephens ..... Del City, OK  
Sergeant First Class Jack Wengrosky ..... Hillside, IL

### Trombones

Master Sergeant Mike Buckley\*\* ..... Annandale, VA  
Sergeant First Class Jeff Adams ..... Hemet, CA  
Staff Sergeant Major Bailey ..... Satellite Beach, FL  
Staff Sergeant Mike Bravin ..... Tulare, CA

### Vocalist

Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis ..... Denison, TX

### Rhythm Section

Master Sergeant Jeff Lopez, *Bass\*\** ..... Staten Island, NY  
Sergeant First Class Tim Young, *Piano* ..... Newport News, VA  
Staff Sergeant Todd Harrison, *Drums\** ..... Houston, TX  
Staff Sergeant Stephen Lesche, *Guitar* ..... Orlando, FL

### Transportation/Stage Support

Master Sergeant Chris Dodrill, *Audio Technician* ..... Las Vegas, NV  
Master Sergeant Jeff Lopez, *Road Manager* ..... Staten Island, NY  
Master Sergeant Ed Padilla, *Tour Coordinator* ..... Tucson, AZ  
Sergeant First Class David Bullman, *Tour Coordinator* ..... Jacksonville Beach, FL

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The mission of The United States Army Field Band is to “carry into the grassroots of our country the story of our magnificent Army.”

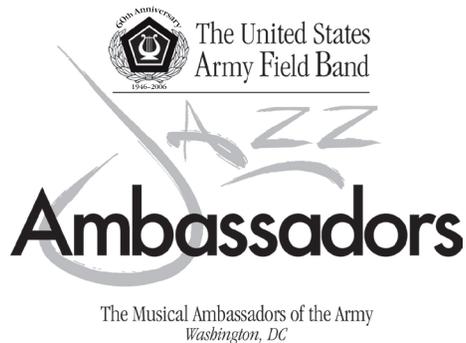
In performances across America and throughout the world, the men and women of this organization take great pride in reflecting the excellence of all our nation’s Soldiers.



The United States  
Army Field Band

# Ambassadors

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army  
*Washington, DC*



**Fitchburg, MA  
October 17, 2006**

- Basie's Back in Town..... Ernie Wilkins
- Lament..... J.J. Johnson, arr. SGM Eugene Thorne\*  
*Sergeant First Class Jeff Adams, trombone*
- Walkin' and Swingin'..... Mary Lou Williams
- Rosa Mae ..... Mary Lou Williams, arr. SFC Paul Amrstrong\*
- Summertime ..... George & Ira Gershwin, arr. Eric Richards  
*Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal*
- When October Goes..... Johnny Mandel
- Out of Nowhere ..... John W. Green and Edward Heyman,  
arr. Bill Liston

**INTERMISSION**

- Take Me Out to the Ball Game ..... Jack Norworth, arr. Neal Finn
- I Concentrate on You..... Cole Porter, arr. Johnny Richards
- Moondance..... Van Morrison, arr. Eric Richards  
*Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal*
- Dixie Medley ..... selections to be announced
- Armed Forces Salute..... various, arr. MSG Vince Norman\*
- America the Beautiful..... Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward  
arr. CW4 Kevin Laird\*

\*Staff Arranger, The U.S. Army Field Band

**The Jazz Ambassadors** is the United States Army's premier touring jazz orchestra. As a component of The United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC, this internationally-acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year to present jazz, America's national treasure, to enthusiastic audiences in every state in the nation and around the world.

Formal public concerts, school assemblies, clinics, music festivals, and radio and television appearances are all part of the Jazz Ambassadors' yearly schedule. The band has appeared in all fifty states, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, and the Republic of India. Notable performances include participation in the inaugurations of presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, appearances at the Nice Jazz Festival in France, the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, and the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island.

Many of the members are also composers and arrangers whose writing helps create the band's unique sound. Concert repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, contemporary jazz, popular tunes, and dixieland. Each program includes exciting selections performed by the band's talented and versatile vocalist, Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis.

Whether performing in the United States or representing our country overseas, the Jazz Ambassadors entertains audiences of all ages and backgrounds by presenting the American art form known as jazz.

**Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird** is a native of Arcade, New York. He graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 1976, earning a Bachelor of Music in Education, and in 1978 received a Master of Arts in Fine Arts from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). He enlisted in the United States Army later that year and spent the next five years on staff at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. After eight years as percussionist, arranger, and leader of the stage band at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he was transferred to Heidelberg, Germany, and recommended for warrant officer.

Mr. Laird completed the Warrant Officer Bandmaster Course in 1993 and assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division Band at Fort Hood, Texas. Four years later, he was appointed Associate Bandmaster and Director of the Jazz Knights of the United States Military Academy Band, West Point, New York. Mr. Laird became Director of the Jazz Ambassadors in August 2000.

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